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Philadelphia has a lot of animal welfare organizations, each serving a different function. But now the three biggest shelters will team up, uniting "kill" and "no-kill" to create a no-kill coalition aiming to save as many animals as possible. Could this plan succeed? Read all about it inside, then sound off to us on Twitter **@metrophilly** with your thoughts, using the **#KillVSNoKill** hashtag.

SENATOR WANTS APPLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

1 The chairman of a Senate committee overseeing business issues asked Apple Inc. to answer questions about its disclosure that it slowed older iPhones with flagging batteries, according to a letter seen by Reuters on Wednesday. The California-based company apologized over the issue on Dec. 28, cut battery replacement costs and said it will change its software to show users whether their phone battery is good. Sen. John Thune, a Republican who chairs the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, said in a Jan. 9 letter to Apple CEO Tim Cook that "the large volume of consumer criticism leveled against the company in light of its admission suggests that there should have been better transparency." Apple said it will cut the price of a replacement for an out-of-warranty battery to $29 from $79 for an iPhone 6 or later.

POT POLICY CHANGES LEAD TO CONFUSION

2 When the Justice Department said last week it was reversing policy on the $7 billion marijuana business, it failed to first notify officials who advise banks in states where the drug is legal, sources in Congress said. The announcement by Attorney General Jeff Sessions caused confusion among banks about how to do business with marijuana growers and processors without running afoul of federal money laundering laws. The uncertainty unleashed a flood of phone calls to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), an office within the U.S. Treasury Department, with questions from lawmakers and constituents. But FinCEN had no ready answers because it received no warning of Sessions' Jan. 4 announcement rescinding an Obama-era policy that had eased federal enforcement of marijuana laws, said congressional aides.

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

NBA LONDON GAME 2018

3 The Philadelphia 76ers pose for a team portrait as part of the 2018 NBA London Global Game at Potters Fields Park on Wednesday in London. ***Read more on page 23.***

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IMMIGRATION AGENTS TARGET 7-ELEVEN STORES

4 U.S. immigration agents fanned out to nearly 100 7-Eleven convenience stores nationwide on Wednesday, arresting 21 people suspected of being in the country illegally and giving owners a tight deadline to prove other employees are authorized to work. The operation was the largest worksite enforcement by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement since President Donald Trump took office last January, agency spokeswoman Danielle Bennett said in an email. "Notices of inspection" were delivered to 98 7-Eleven stores in 17 states and the District of Columbia beginning at 6 a.m. in each local time zone. Owners and managers have three business days to produce documents showing their employees are in the country legally or they could face civil and criminal penalties, ICE said.

DEMS ACCUSE RUSSIA OF 'RELENTLESS ASSAULT'

5 Democratic lawmakers accused Russia on Wednesday of a "relentless assault" on democratic institutions worldwide, and called on President Donald Trump to treat election interference as a national crisis. Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee released a report detailing what they described as nearly two decades of Russian efforts to tilt politics across Europe and criticizing Trump for doing too little to address the issue. Moscow has denied interfering in the election, and Trump dismisses such assertions as sour grapes about his victory. The report's release comes amid deepening rifts between Republicans, who control Congress, and Democrats over investigations of Russia and the election. Some Republican lawmakers have been casting doubt on the congressional probes, and one led by Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

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Philadelphia animal welfare groups unite into a new 'no kill' coalition

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The Philadelphia No-Kill Coalition brings together kill and no-kill shelters with the goal of finding a home for every "savable animal" in the city.

Philly has no shortage of animals who need help. But while issues with feral cats and stray dogs may seem stubbornly persistent, the numbers tell a different story: outcomes have drastically improved for homeless animals in the last several years.

At Animal Care & Control Team (ACCT) Philly, 83 percent of the cats and dogs that entered the shelter in 2017 survived. In 2005, that figure was only 11 percent.

On Wednesday, leaders from ACCT Philly, the PSPCA and The Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) announced that they are joining forces to get the number of "saveable animals" who die in Philly even further down, as part of the collaborative new "Philadelphia No-Kill Coalition."

"Our life-saving percentage is 83 percent. But we do realize that, even though eight out of 10 animals leave the shelter alive, that there are things that we can do for some animals who don't make it out alive," said ACCT Philly executive director Vince Medley. "This effort is to reenergize the public and to galvanize the three largest animal shelters in the city to redouble our efforts and make sure that we leave no stone unturned when it comes to saving an animal."

Leaders from the animal-loving groups say they believe Philly can be the next "no-kill" city in the U.S., following the lead of cities like Austin, Texas.

Some animal advocates define a "no-kill" city as one where the community's shelters are able to find homes for 90 percent or more of the city's homeless pets.

Planned for more than a year, the coalition brings together a dozen local animal shelters to share resources and information and hopefully "alleviate the burden of open-admission shelters," they said.

It doesn't mean that no animals will be killed, ever: sometimes even vets and pet lovers agree euthanasia is the most humane option.

"There's always going to be some level of euthanasia," said PSPCA CEO Julie Klim. "Sometimes you find an animal that's been so abused and neglected that it's aggressive and it's just not safe. ... There will be no killing of 'saveable animals' — but not every pet can be saved."

The drop in the numbers of pets in shelters and ultimately euthanized may be partly due to new low-cost veterinary clinics that weren't around a decade ago. Klim estimated that as many as 70,000 animal patients a year are now treated at these clinics.

Some animals lovers in Philly have been known to hold biases against one shelter or another for their kill or no-kill philosophy. But uniting the various organizations under the "No Kill" banner may go a long way toward ending the stigma, coalition leaders hope.

"There's now a collaborative, cooperative culture between animal organizations that perhaps wasn't as prevalent in Philadelphia in past years," said PAWS executive director Melissa Levy. "We will make Philadelphia a city where no healthy or treatable pet dies in a shelter."

The heads of Philly's three biggest shelters, from left, Julie Klim, CEO of the PSPCA, Vincent Medley, executive director of ACCT Philly, and Melissa Levy, executive director of PAWS, are joining forces to form the Philadelphia No-Kill Coalition. SAM NEWHOUSE

"We will make Philadelphia a city where no healthy or treatable pet dies in a shelter."

Melissa Levy

Local leaders believe Philadelphia can become a "no-kill" city. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

The coalition hopes to protect Ferny, a 6- to 8-month-old pit bull. SAM NEWHOUSE

BY THE NUMBERS

11%
The percentage of cats and dogs picked up by ACCT Philly that survived in 2005.

83%
The percentage of cats and dogs picked up by ACCT Philly that survived in 2017.

30K
The number of dogs and cats received by ACCT Philly in 2011.

18K
The number of dogs and cats received by ACCT Philly in 2017.

A NO-KILL TEAM EFFORT

The no-kill coalition, funded in part by a $178,000 grant from PetSmart, is bringing together numerous shelters and groups. All coalition members are asked to adopt certain principles to reach their goal. These include:

- prioritizing the intake and rescue of vulnerable pets.
- coordinating efforts to use and mobilize resources where most needed.
- educating adopters about options for pets that require rehoming besides bringing them to a shelter; accepting returned pets regardless of time since adoption.

Volunteers from Citizens for A No-Kill Philadelphia said they will step up and offering their homes to help foster vulnerable animals.

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SEPTA passenger gets screwdriver in the face during rush-hour fight

The passenger was reportedly in stable condition after the fight on the Route 23 bus in Germantown.

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A fight broke out on the Route 23 SEPTA bus during Wednesday rush hour, leaving one man slashed in the face with a screwdriver in stable condition and his attacker still wanted by police.

The bus was on Germantown Avenue near West Logan Street when the fight happened just after 8 a.m., SEPTA said. The attacker's motive was not immediately known.

"It was two males that got into a verbal altercation on the route 23 bus," said SEPTA spokeswoman Carla Showell-Lee. "It escalated, one male stabbed the other male with a screwdriver."

It's not clear if the victim, 19, or the suspect previously knew each other.

The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries and is in stable condition at Einstein Hospital after receiving four stitches to the lip, Showell-Lee said. The wound was characterized as a slashing one and non-penetrative.

Also on Wednesday morning, Lincoln Drive was closed northwest of Wissahickon Avenue due to ice and an accident.

That detour caused serious traffic problems bogging down the entire Germantown area including Germantown Avenue, which may have impacted the bus.

Authorities are still searching for the suspect, who fled the bus on foot. Check back with Metro for updates.

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NORTH KOREA

Trump, on North Korean talks, says: 'Who knows where it leads?'

President Donald Trump said on Wednesday after the first intra-Korean talks in over two years that the United States was willing to speak to North Korea "under the right circumstances," although it was far from clear whether this would pay dividends.

South Korea said Trump had also said in a phone call with its President Moon Jae-in that there would be no military action while North-South talks were going on and that a Wall Street Journal article saying he was contemplating a military strike against North Korea was "completely wrong."

"Who knows where it leads?" Trump told reporters at the White House after his call with Moon to discuss Tuesday's North-South talks, the first since 2015.

He said Moon told him the talks went well, and added: "Hopefully it will lead to success for the world, not just for our country, but for the world. And we'll be seeing over the next number of weeks and months what happens."

At Tuesday's intra-Korea talks, North Korea said it would attend the Olympics, which South Korea will host next month, while both sides agreed to resolve problems between them through dialogue and to revive military consultations to avoid accidental conflict.

However, Pyongyang said it would not discuss its nuclear weapons because they were aimed only at the United States and not its "brethren" in South Korea, Russia or China, showing that a diplomatic breakthrough to the crisis remained far off.

U.S. officials say Trump has been considering a number of military options, including a preemptive strike on a missile or nuclear facility, but officials and analysts have warned of the risks of triggering a catastrophic wider conflict. REUTERS

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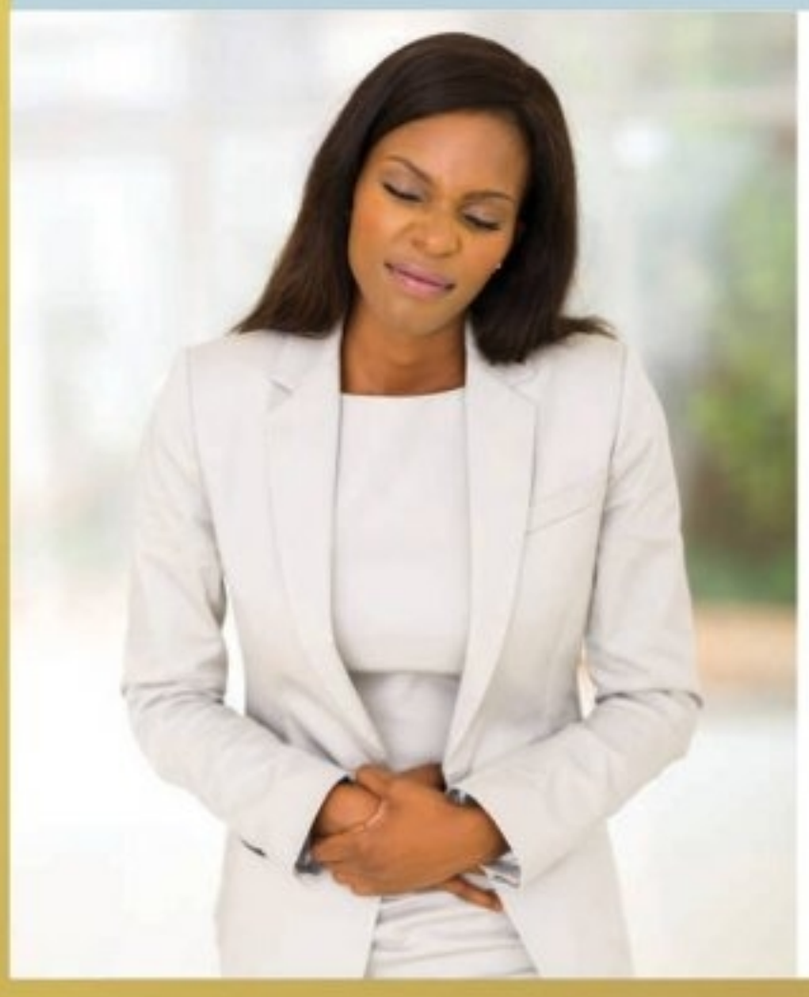

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President Trump attends a cabinet meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018. GETTY IMAGES

Trump calls court system 'broken and unfair' after judge blocks DACA plan

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The judge also pointed out two times when the president was in favor of DACA.

President Trump says the U.S. court system is "broken and unfair."

Trump's statement comes after a California federal judge blocked the Trump administration from ending DACA – a program that protects young undocumented immigrants from deportation.

"It just shows everyone how broken and unfair our Court System is when the opposing side in a case (such as DACA) always runs to the 9th Circuit and almost always wins before being reversed by higher courts," the president wrote in a tweet Wednesday morning.

DACA was implemented in 2012 by the Obama administration. Since then, it has protected an estimated 800,000 people who were brought to the United States as children.

Although President Trump directly called out the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in his Wednesday morning tweet, it was a different court that issued the ruling on DACA.

On Tuesday, District Judge William Alsup in San Francisco granted a request made by California and other states to block Trump's decision to end the program. Judge Alsup believed the program should stay in place while lawsuits against Trump's decision to end DACA are sorted out and immigrants who currently receive benefits under DACA should continue to renew them.

In Judge Alsup's ruling to keep DACA active, he cited several reasons for making his decision, including two times President Trump publically expressed his support for the DACA program in September.

"Congress now has 6 months to legalize DACA (something the Obama Administration was unable to do). If they can't, I will revisit this issue!," Trump wrote on Sept. 5.

In another tweet made by Trump on September 14, he wrote, "Does anybody really want to throw out good, educated and accomplished young people who have jobs, some serving in the military? Really!....."

In the United States District Court document, Judge Alsup stated in his remarks that he found it odd that Trump is looking to end a program that he also seemed to support. Judge Alsup wrote, "We seem to be in the unusual position wherein the ultimate authority over the agency, the chief executive, publicly favors the very program the agency has ended."

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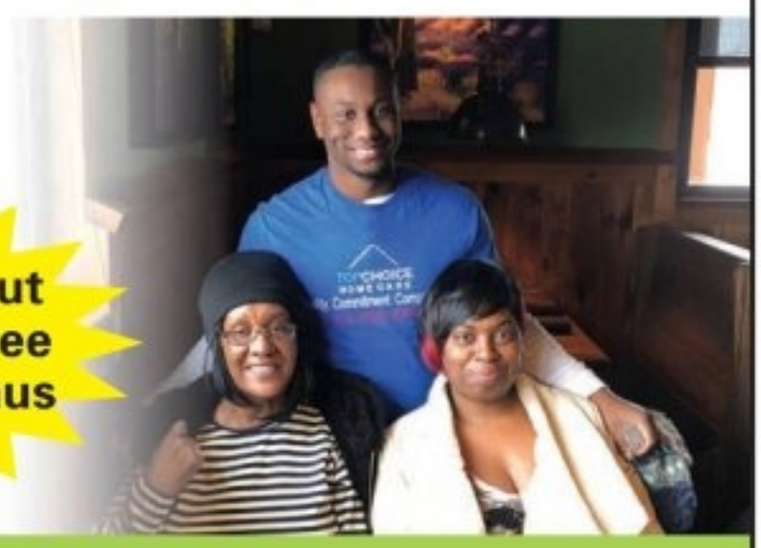

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POLITICS

Stung by Wolff book, Trump calls for stronger libel laws

President Donald Trump said Wednesday that his administration will examine whether U.S. libel laws can be strengthened after a new book questioned his mental fitness to serve as president.

"Our current libel laws are a sham and a disgrace and do not represent American values or American fairness so we're going to take a strong look at that," he told reporters as he met members of his Cabinet.

In "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House," author Michael Wolff has questioned Trump's mental fitness, portraying him as child-like with a short attention span. Trump had often complained about U.S. libel laws on the 2016 campaign trail.

"We are going to take a strong look at our country's libel laws so that when somebody says something that is false and defamatory about someone, that person will have meaningful recourse in our courts," Trump said.

To prove libel, a public figure must show a writer or publisher acted with actual malice in publishing a false statement. Malice is either reckless or purposeful disregard for the truth.

In what was seen as an attempt to show Trump is mentally fit, the president kept reporters, including a TV camera, at a meeting he had on Tuesday with lawmakers on immigration. REUTERS

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The easiest way to eat healthier? This one simple thing you're still ignoring

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It even gives you an excuse to sneak in extra time between the sheets.

What if we told you there really is "one simple trick" to eating healthier?

Well, there is one — and it has nothing to do with taking raspberry ketone pills washed down with a cocktail of apple cider vinegar, lemon juice and cayenne pepper.

A study by researchers at King's College in London found that getting the adequate amount of sleep each night can lead you to eat fewer junk foods that are loaded with sugars and fats.

For the randomized trial — published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition — researchers gave 21 participants a 45-minute sleep consultation with the goal of extending their time in bed up to 1.5 hours a night. Another 21 participants didn't receive any sleep consultations.

For the next seven days, all participants kept sleep and estimated food diaries. They also wore a motion-sensor on their wrists that measured their sleep and how long it took them to get to sleep after getting in bed.

At the end of the trial, the researchers found that 86 percent of those in the sleep advice group increase their time spent in bed — and just over half increased their sleep duration from anywhere to 52 to 90 minutes. Only three managed to average seven to nine hours of sleep a night.

There was no difference in the control group.

Tell your perpetually sleep-deprived pals to swap their doughnuts for a blanket and pillow. GETTY IMAGES

How sleep affects diet

The amount of sleep participants got each night proved to have a positive correlation with their diets. The researchers found that those who extended their sleep reduced their free sugar consumption by 10 grams when compared to baseline levels, along with a decrease in carbohydrate consumption.

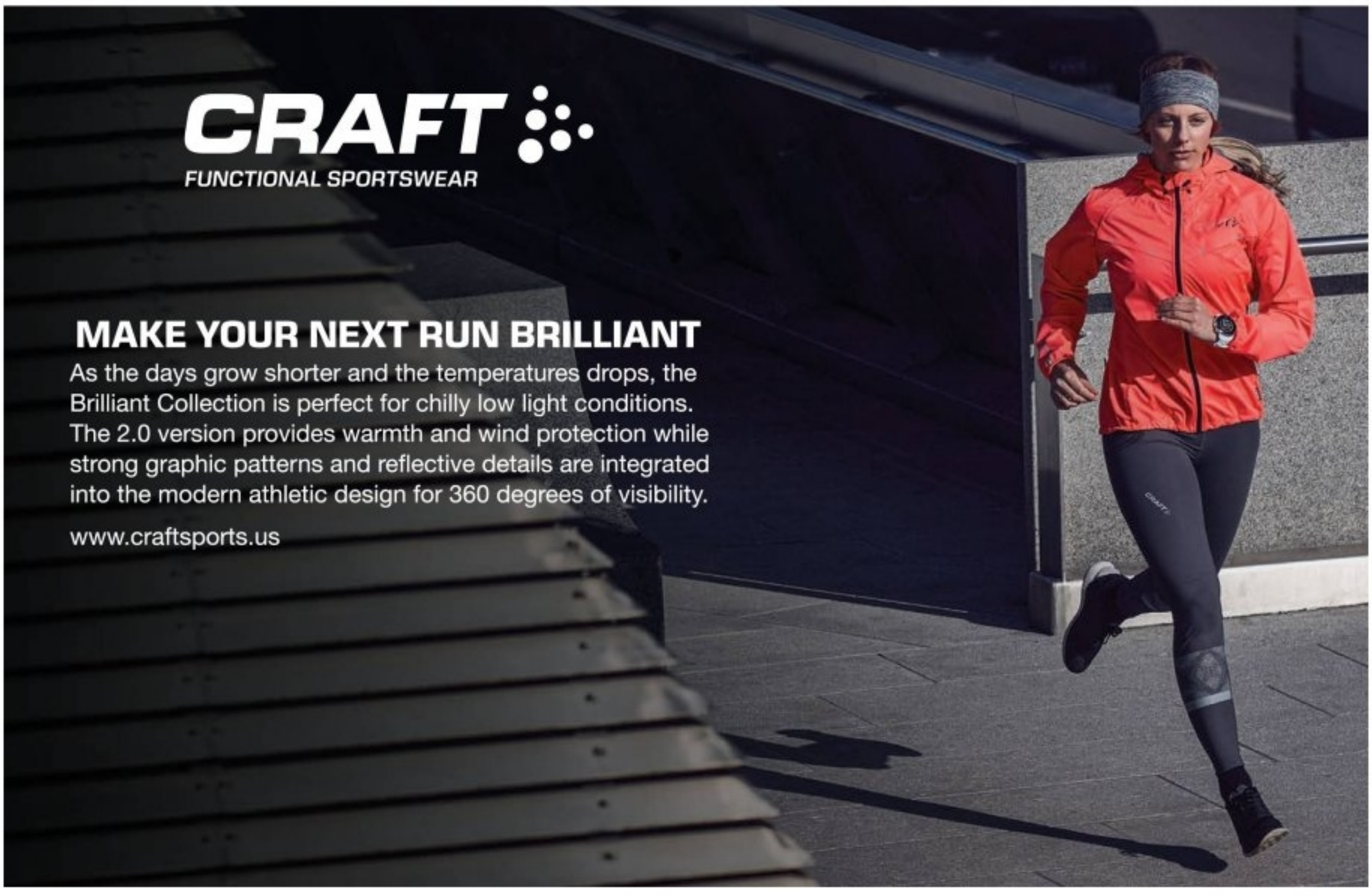
"The fact that extending sleep led to a reduction in intake of free sugars, by which we mean the sugars that are added to foods by manufacturers or in cooking at home as well as sugars in honey, syrups and fruit juice, suggests that a simple change in lifestyle may really help people to consume healthier diets," said principal investigator Wendy Hall, from the Department of Nutritional Sciences at King's College London.

It might be a badge of honor to be "so tired" in today's fast-paced world, but a lack of sleep is directly correlated to developing severe health problems,including high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.

"Our results also suggest that increasing time in bed for an hour or so longer may lead to healthier food choices. This further strengthens the link between short sleep and poorer quality diets that has already been observed by previous studies," added lead researcher Haya Al Khatib.

The next step is to study how extra sleep impacts diet in those who already have conditions like high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.

So, don't feel bad about sleeping in that extra hour — you're only doing it for your health! And tell your perpetually sleep-deprived pals to swap their doughnuts for a blanket and pillow.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Sorry, men — it's women who will survive the apocalypse

Men might naturally have more muscle mass and strength than women, but ladies are the ones who live longer — even in times of crisis.

Researchers from the University of Southern Denmark looked at historical data on death rates for both women and men who endured famines — like the Irish potato famine, the Ukraine famine and the Swedish famine — along with disease outbreaks and found that women outlived men almost every time. Sometimes by years.

Female slaves — freed and not — also lived longer than their male counterparts.

"Even though the crises reduced the female survival advantage in life expectancy, women still survived better than men," the researchers wrote in the study, published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Researchers have attributed female hardiness to "biological underpinnings" — basically, their genetics.
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"Even in Liberia, the population with the lowest life expectancy, newborn girls were hardier than newborn boys," they continued. "In all populations, they had lower mortality across almost all ages, and, with the exception of one slave population, they lived longer on average than men."

Data from the famines studied showed that life expectancies dropped considerably for both sexes, but women still lived longer. For example, life expectancy during the Irish potato famine dropped from 38 years to just 22.4 for women — and 18.7 years for men.

The Ukrainian famine was even worse: Life expectancy dropped from 41.58 years to just 7.3 years for men and to 10.9 years from women, down from 45.93.

The researchers attribute female hardiness to "biological underpinnings" — basically, their genetics.

"[Their hypothesis] is supported by the fact that under very harsh conditions females survive better than males even at infant ages when behavioral and social differences may be minimal or favor males," the researchers added.

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Some female lawmakers to wear black in protest at Trump's State of the Union

The House Democrats will show solidarity with victims of sexual harassment and misconduct.

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Some female Democratic members of Congress, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, plan to wear black to President Trump's State of the Union address on Jan. 30 to protest sexual harassment.

The protest, which echoes the wardrobe blackout at last Sunday's Golden Globes, is led by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA), who has taken a leading role in speaking out against sexual misconduct on Capitol Hill and started the #MeTooCongress hashtag. "This is a culture change that is sweeping the country and Congress is embracing it," she said in a statement.

On Twitter, Speier called for men and women of both political parties to participate. "My colleagues and I in the @HouseDemWomen are calling on our fellow MoCs - women & men, Democrats & Republicans - to wear black to this year's #SOTU in solidarity w/survivors of sexual harassment/violence in Hollywood, politics, the military, academia, etc. #TIMESUP #MeToo," she wrote on Wednesday.

Speier tagged the post #TIMESUP, to recognize the legal defense fund for victims of sexual harassment and workplace equality. It is supported by a group of 300 prominent women working in Hollywood, including Reese Witherspoon, America Ferrera and Shonda Rhimes.

"We are supporting the brave women in every industry and every corner of the country who are making their voices heard," said Pelosi in a statement. "We are at a watershed moment in the nationwide fight against sexual harassment and discrimination, and we must continue to keep up the drumbeat of action for real change."

Pelosi and Speier are members of the House Democratic Working Group, which is chaired by Rep. Lois Frankel (D-Fla). Members of the group wore white to Trump's first address to a joint session of Congress last February to commemorate female suffrage and rebuke Trump's treatment of women.

In recent months, male politicians on both sides of the aisle have been forced to resign or have said they will not run for re-election amid charges of sexual misconduct, including Al Franken, John Conyers, Blake Farenthold and Ruben Kiuhen.

President Trump has been accused of sexual harassment and misconduct by more than a dozen women, with some charges dating back decades. A lawsuit filed by a former Apprentice contestant is being considered by the New York State Supreme Court. Trump has said that the accusations are "100% fabricated and made-up charges."

Last year, Speier revealed that she had been sexually harassed early in her career as a Capitol Hill staffer, when a senior aide "held my face, kissed me, and stuck his tongue in my mouth." She has led the push for a crackdown on sexual harassment in Congress going forward. "We say we have zero tolerance for that, but what does zero tolerance mean," she told Time last November. "They're meaningless words if you're not willing to say, 'We're not going to allow this to go on here.' "

"We are supporting the brave women in every industry and every corner of the country who are making their voices heard," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said in a statement. GETTY IMAGES

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Weiner's still wedded — WTF?

I guess the love between Anthony Weiner and Huma Abedin is the real thing, or something.

Either that, or some kind of M. Night Shyamalan toxic pollutant is in the air: Weiner — who is in prison serving a 21-month sentence for sending sexually explicit texts to a minor — and Abedin have withdrawn their pending divorce claim.

According to Page Six, Abedin was scheduled to appear in Manhattan Supreme Court on Wednesday for a compliance conference in their contested divorce. One of her attorney showed up in her place, submitting paperwork signed by both parties that agreed to end the case.

But what does them calling off the divorce really mean? A source tells Page Six that they will either stay married or negotiate their split privately.

Let's all hope for Abedin's sake that it's the latter.

For the love of Dumbledore, why!?

Snooki ain't single, either

Snooki — formally known as Nicole Polizzi — is not getting divorced, in case you were worried.

Even though none of us asked, the "Jersey Shore" alum's husband, Jionni LaValle, shot down divorce rumors that he made up on Instagram. As you do.

"Hey Guys, Im going to visit this subject one time and one time only so … My wife is filming a scene packing up and leaving for her new show ["Jersey Shore Family Vacation"] and I AM CHOOSING TO NOT be on TV because I simply DO NOT like it," he wrote. "Beng [sic] a reality was never something I wanted to be when I grew up."

Being a reality was never something I wanted to be? What does that even mean? Especially considering he appeared on "Jersey Shore," "Snooki & JWoww" and "Nicole & Jionni's Shore Flip"?

Perhaps the more important question is this: Does nobody use spell check or, like, grammar anymore?

You ever just make up a rumor just to deny it? No?

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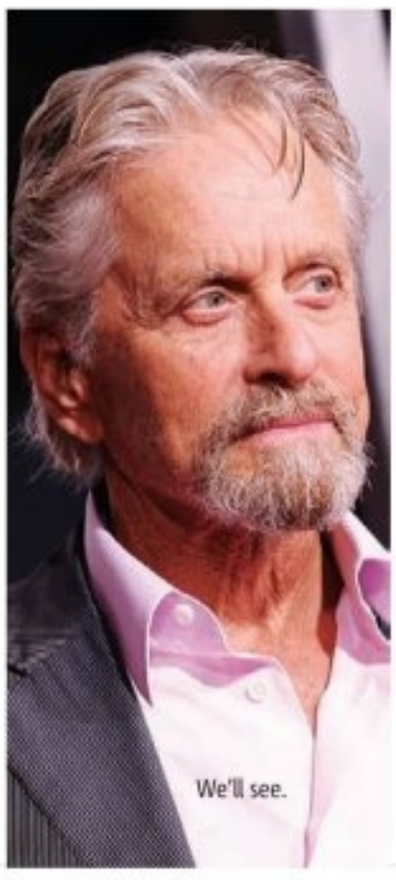
Michael Douglas plays the deny game

Michael Douglas is preemptively denying sexual misconduct claims in an attempt to get ahead of some damning allegations.

Apparently, a former employee of the 73-year-old has accused him of the ol' Louis C.K., aka masturbating in front of her. Said employee has also accused Douglas of using "colorful language" in front of her, having raunchy conversations in front of her and blackballing her from the industry. Catherine Zeta-Jones' husband has vehemently denied those claims to Deadline.



We'll see.

"This is a complete lie, fabrication, no truth to it whatsoever," he said. "The accusations are minimal, except of course for the idea of masturbating in front of her. … I pride myself of being supportive of the women's movement. … I have always supported women." Alrighty!

It's interesting that he thinks the other accusations are minimal. Like, I wouldn't say it's "minimal" to blackball someone from an industry. But then again, what do I know?

Finally! ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Greta Gerwig regrets working with Woody

Greta Gerwig says she regrets working with Woody Allen. Freaking finally.

The "Lady Bird" director says it took her some time to gather her thoughts on the matter, but she's decided Allen — who has been accused of molesting his daughter Dylan Farrow when she was a child in 1992 — is a no.

"It is something that I take very seriously and have been thinking deeply about, and it has taken me time to gather my thoughts and say what I mean to say," she tells Frank Bruni in the New York Times.

"I can only speak for myself and what I've come to is this: If I had known then what I know now, I would not have acted in the film," she continued, referring to 2012's "To Rome with Love." "I have not worked for him again, and I will not work for him again.

Good on Gerwig. Here's hoping that more of Hollywood comes forward and does the same.

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Patrick Wilson is Liam Neeson's biggest fan

Chatting with the actor about "The Commuter" and why the action thriller is so relatable.

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Wilson, who stars alongside Neeson in "The Commuter," has nothing but love for his co-star. UIONSGATE

Patrick Wilson didn't need much persuading to join "The Commuter," a transport-based thriller coming to theaters this Friday, Jan. 12. The presence of Liam Neeson was enough to pique the 44-year-old's interest. In fact, Wilson is such a fan of the accomplished Irishman that he considers Neeson what he calls "his own genre."

After the success of the "Taken" trilogy, "The A-Team" and "The Grey," as well as "Unknown," "Non-Stop" and "Run All Night" — the last three all directed by Jaume Collet-Serra — it's hard to argue with Wilson's assessment. But it wasn't just the allure of working alongside Neeson that persuaded Wilson to join "The Commuter."

"It helped that I really enjoyed the script," Wilson says. "And I thought the role was really fun and different, and something that I don't get to do too often."

Connections

Then there was the fact "The Commuter" was being directed by Neeson's frequent collaborator, Collet-Serra — especially as his past work with Neeson has created some of the most crowd-pleasing action thrillers of recent years.

"He's the kind of director that lives in this genre [and] this is a Hitchockian ride that turns into an action thriller," Wilson says. "Jaume is the kind of director that makes it very organic. It doesn't seem as technical as it could be when you're shooting an action film. It was an easy yes."

Not lost in translation

Wilson also notes the Spanish filmmaker was never afraid of improvisation and would sometimes adjust a scene in the heat of production, helping to give the film a fresher perspective.

"There are certain types of directors that can look at a script, and let's say it is an action sequence, which needs to be very technical and broken down. You could just follow the script, and go, 'He punches with this hand.' That's great, as it means that it is serving the script," Wilson says.

"But, with Jaume, if it doesn't feel right he'll just go, 'Then don't do it. How about we do it like this? Does this feel better?' Wilson says. "He has the confidence in his technical proficiency to pull it off, and knows that he can roll with any new idea. I think that's a fun and refreshing attitude, especially in a genre that can be by the numbers."

Cinema for straphangers

But when it comes down to it, Wilson admits he loved the prospect of a film that was relatable — for commuters worldwide, of course.

"If you make it real and relatable early on in the film then you can take the audience anywhere you want," he says. "It's ordinary people in an extraordinary situation and that's very fun to play. It's an escape, and, watching it, you want to see if the characters can get out of it, or if they're caught."

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"We'll make it. F—k it!"

Margot Robbie on producing "I, Tonya."

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Robbie as Tonya, and producer PROVIDED

The Golden Globe fave (which received a nomination for Best Actress — Margot Robbie, a nomination for Best Picture, and won Allison Janney the statue for Best Supporting Actress) "I, Tonya" wasn't just a chance for Robbie to show off her acting (and skating) chops. She was also the producer of the bonkers, brilliant movie we can't wait to watch again.

Allison Janney for the win GETTY IMAGES

So what made her want to get behind the camera?

"You need to mix it up," Robbie tells Metro. "And there's an appetite for it. Films like 'Deadpool' blowing up the box office just show that people are sick of seeing the same old stuff. They respond positively to stuff that's new and breaks the mold."

For "I, Tonya," though, Robbie admits she had "no idea" where the film was heading when she read the script, adding, "All of these characters were larger than life. They had absurdities, and they were very damaged and tragic. They felt real. And outlandish. All at the same time! That's a brilliant, brilliant combination if you can pull it off.

"Non-linear, outlandish characters, and everything that I love about scripts," she says. "I thought it was genius. Just because people hadn't seen it before doesn't mean that they shouldn't. And I was like, 'We'll make it. F—k it.' I've been pitching that for a long time."

And pull it off she did. By carving up the ice, digging deep into the characters' backstories and putting a parakeet on Allison Janney's shoulder.

Next up?

Robbie will play Queen Elizabeth I opposite Saoirse Ronan in "Mary Queen Of Scots" next year, and says she's "always attracted to those that I think I'm nothing like — whether it's Queen Elizabeth I or Tonya Harding, even though we grew up in completely different surroundings and situations."

The royal family still better keep keen eyes on their kneecaps.

"I, Tonya" is in movie theaters nationwide.

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Ben O'Neill on touring with John Legend and making a career in music

Ben O'Neill performs tonight at Bourbon Branch in Northern Liberties along with Amanda Brown and Katie Frank.

The Philly-based musician has a show this week at Bourbon & Branch.

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When you do what you love, you never work a day in your life, and according to Philly musician Ben O'Neill, he's got the best job in the world.

The professional guitarist is on a short break from touring the world with R&B superstar John Legend, an artist he greatly admires.

"It's amazing to play music on that level with someone who is undeniably one of the best to ever do it," O'Neill says. "When they write the book on soul music and R&B, he will be the torchbearer of this era. It's cool to be connected in a small way to something like that."

During his time off from touring, he'll be playing a show at Bourbon and Branch in Northern Liberties (along with Amanda Brown and Katie Frank), promoting his latest EP, "Salt." Recorded at Milkboy Studios in Philadelphia, it draws inspiration from artists like Tom Petty, Ryan Adams and Jason Isbell.

"It's an Americana rock record and we recorded as organically as we could," he says. "The collection of songs look at trying to move forward and learning from the difficult things in life."

O'Neill's musical journey in Philadelphia began at University of the Arts, where he studied jazz guitar and ended up becoming well-versed in gospel music.

"There were a couple of musicians there who grew up in church and came in as freshmen as the best musicians in the school," O'Neill remembers. "I didn't know anything about gospel music, but whatever they were doing, I needed to be a part of. They were generous enough to introduce me to some people and teach me the basics of gospel. That opened a lot of doors."

O'Neill's extracurricular study of gospel music prepared him for the Neo soul and hip hop movement, which according to O'Neill, was largely influenced by gospel.

"So many of the musicians being called for those tours and recording sessions were coming out of church. I was incredibly fortunate to meet up with talented people at the right time," he says.

Since then, O'Neill has played with some of music's biggest names, like Kanye West, Sting, Jill Scott, Kid Cudi, Christina Aguilera and of course, John Legend.

Beginning mid-February, O'Neill is on the road again with the "All of Me" singer for shows in the Middle East and Asia.

For musicians out there aspiring to a career in music, O'Neill has the following advice:

"Do serious thinking on what it is you think you want to do and find the people doing it at a high level. Build relationships with them and learn from them — it's not a secret formula," he says. "Then you have to be willing to work harder than the next guy. You have to be willing to work at being the best version of yourself all the time. That requires a lot of hard work."

With great things come great sacrifice, and being a full-time musician is no different, but O'Neill wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's incredible to play with great musicians and I've been all over the world. I've seen places I never would have seen otherwise," he says.

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O'Neill currently tours with R&B superstar John Legend. GETTY IMAGES

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EAT LIKE AN INSIDER

Michael Strauss

Michael Strauss of Taproom on 19th and Mike's BBQ dishes on his favorite places to eat in Philly. PROVIDED

"I get lots of joy from making people happy and food makes people happy."

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Michael Strauss is the co-owner of Taproom on 19th and recently opened the highly anticipated Mike's BBQ, with a menu of meats ("smoked the old-school way) and comfort food galore. The New Jersey native got into the restaurant industry through volunteering at Vetri Community Partnership, which led to owning his own bar. But cooking has been a lifelong passion.

"I've been cooking since I could barely reach the stove," Strauss says.

Despite not having formal training, his enthusiasm for the industry is contagious as is his love for the Philly food scene.

"I get lots of joy from making people happy and food makes people happy," he says. "I also love that here in Philly we have such a close-knit industry. Even though we are all always working, and never really see each other, you always have someone to lean on."

When he's not in the kitchen, Strauss enjoys spending time with family, playing guitar and exploring the food scene. Here are Strauss' top picks on where to eat in Philly.

Best late-night meal?

I've always loved **Fountain Porter** *(1601 S. 10th St.)* — excellent draft list, and the burger is perfect.

Best meal under $10?

Mi Quang *(3324 Kensington Ave.)*, under the El in Kensington. Get the bun bo hue or their name sake Mi Quang. They also make a meatball banh mi — tender and delicious.

Best hidden food gem?

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Best place to dine alone?

Cafe Nhan *(1606 W. Passyunk Ave.)* on West Passyunk. Get a simple homemade bowl of pho — it just warms the soul. Off-menu secret: the braised chicken can come with an omelette and Chinese sausage.

Place you always take or recommend for out-of-towners?

I send people to **Le Virtu** *(1927 E. Passyunk Ave.)* all the time. Order everything! My favorite is their ragu and pasta.

Go-to date spot, hands down?

My idea of a date and yours are probably different (laughs). I would recommend **Will BYOB** *(1911 East Passyunk Ave.)* on Passyunk. Grab a bottle of vino and let Chef Chris feed you. The menu changes weekly — eat it all.

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Paula Poundstone

The award-winning comedian has had specials air on HBO, made many appearances on late-night television and rose to the top of Amazon's Bestsellers charts for books with her second effort, "The Totally Unscientific Study of the Search for Human Happiness." Here, Poundstone brings her magnetic energy and quick wit to the stage for the kind of standup act you won't be able to find verbatim on YouTube beforehand.
Jan. 11, 8 p.m.
Merriam Theater
250 S. Broad St.
kimmelcenter.org, $30

THEATER

A Doll's House

This classic Norwegian 19th-century play tells the tale of lovey-dovey couple Nora and Torvald. The illusion of perfection gets broken, though, when Nora uncovers a long-held secret that threatens her perfect life. What to

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice to hereby given that the undersigned will sell to satisfy the lien of the landlord, at public sale, by competitive bidding on **January 25th 2018 @ 2:00PM** at the Safeguard Self Storage facility located at **6371 Keystone Street Phila, PA 19135.** The personal goods stored in the following space numbers by the following tenant(s):

safeguard self storage

 # 1315 Anthony Collins, # 1323 John R Grogan, # 1337 Michael Smith, # 1342 Pendrul Ruffin, # 2312 Elliott Webster, # 2334 Stephen Barberry, # 2429 John Horn IV

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Notice

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215-922-3715

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 456 N. Christopher Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19123, to satisfy a lien, on January 25, 2018 at approx. 11am at www.storagetreasures.com.

James Emanuel A011, Frances C Hrubosky A063, Tiffany Udelsone A068, Joseph A Gumbs C277, Rosemarie Wallace C333, Vaughn Ross Hardy C366, Kadiedra Brown D458, Gregory Walker E463, Ryan Young E503, Benjamin Avery F568

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#3222-Taheera Brown • #2414-Linda Carrasquillo • #2117-Govanni Garica • #3528-Sarah Gohanna #1121-Theodore Norman • #3109-Monique Reese • #3232-Jerry Robinson • #3333-Melinda Sanchez #3325-Nexia Sanchez Turnage • #3705-Yvette Starkes • #3121-Nicole Walock

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#0301 - Myana Elam; #0405 - Rasheem T. Foster; #1116 - Lashana Walker; #2412 - Victoria Chisolm; #3501 - Tanya Parker

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#2600-Gladys Figueroa, #2706-Doris Cain, #3403-Lorna Burlbaugh, #1139-Michael Knox, #1615-Rosemary McCastle.

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safeguard self storage

#1115 - Beverly Bolger, #4406 - Raymond Hansen, #2717 - Jalisa Hayward, #2725 - Edward Hession Jr, #3725 - Shonda Jett, #1309 - Terrance Lewis, #3214 - Terrance Lewis, #2405 - Amneris Morales, #2437 - Samiya Muhammad, #3714 - Jennifer Perez, #2203 - Maryann Winfield

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Notice to hereby given that the undersigned will sell to satisfy the lien of the landlord, at public sale, by competitive bidding on **1/25/18 at 11AM** at the Safeguard Self Storage facility located at **1221 N Broad Street, Philadelphia PA 19122.** The personal goods stored in the following space numbers by the following tenant(s):

safeguard self storage

2311 Jennifer Elliot • 2604 Jalissa Rainey • 3105 Lorraine Schofield 0505 Dominque Campbell • 3118 Tamika Corbin • 4204 Frank Flippen 4707 Tynika Jackson • A4104 Sheena Butler • A4315 Leroy Sanders

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: Extra Space Storage **12005 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19154. 215-514-2704. January 17, 2018 4:00pm**

401 Niketa Everett household goods/clothes – B13 Angila Abuhanak Furniture 424 Laurie Daniel household goods – D1 Elhadi Ibrahim furniture, boxes 119 Ahjonae Meade box spring, household goods, clothes, washer, dryer C11 James Newton household goods, some furniture – 407 Stephen J Burns Clothing, Collectable 1128 Kerri L Smyth Boxes, Clothing, household items – 1413 Robert C Smith Furniture and household items 820 Robert C Smith Totes, and bins – H5 Vanessa Mercer Household items bedroom sets ect E32 Anthony M Klimuk Furniture, boxes – B21 Mark Hensel love sofa, furniture 1355 Byron P Romero clothing, boxes, books, personal items

Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on **January 17, 2018** at **2:30PM** at the Extra Space Storage facility located at: **6204 Oxford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111, 215-744-1563.** The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances.

A132C James Robert Hatty (Household), A139C Shanika N. Flippen (Clothes & Plates), B149 Linda Curto (Household), B171C Hasaan Higgins (Household Items), B206C Leanne Julia Mahoney (House goods & Boxes), E140 Elizabeth Dejesus (Household goods), F135 Eric Jolivette Bennett (Household Items).

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Locker Room Self Storage, Inc. — PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice of public sale of personal property. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy the lien of the landlord, at public sale by competitive bidding on January 25th, 2018 @11 a.m. Locker room self storage inc.. Located at 2001 W. Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140. The personal goods stored in space no:

UNIT# 213 BELL, JEFFREY	#VIN 2B8HA57584BK	UNIT# 0021 MITCHELL, WILLIAMS	UNIT# 1039 THOMAS, MARVIN
UNIT# 1235 BROWN, TASHARAH	UNIT# 1161 GLADDEN, MERIDONA	MODEL FORD F-250 XL #VIN	UNIT# 1077 THOMAS, SONDRA
UNIT# 1290 CAMACHO, CHRISTIAN	UNIT# 3052 HIGHAM, CHERYL	HF28HATQ264442 BORT	UNIT# 2286 THOMAS, SONDRA
UNIT# 2163 CURTIS, TERRANCE	UNIT# 1177 JORDAN, MARIA	CORACY SIZE 21" 1990	
UNIT# 3007 DENNIS, JAMES	UNIT# 0060 LAWSON, MARVIN	SHORLINE	UNIT# 1016 TUCKER, TRACY
UNIT# 1218 DEVLIN, MARTHA	20 FT BOAT	UNIT# 1223 RANDOLPH, RONALD	UNIT# 1153 TURNER, SHACORAH
UNIT# 3015 EVANS, KAMERIEL	UNIT# 1112 LEWIS, THOMAS	UNIT# 3051 SCOTT, CYNTHIA	UNIT# 1184 WEATHER, JOYCE
UNIT# 0035 GIBBS, DARLENE	UNIT# 1031 MCKNIGHT, KEITH	UNIT# 1130 SINGLETON, MYKA	
MODEL FREESTAR	UNIT# 3065 MITCHELL, CHERYL	UNIT# 2150 THOMAS, MARSHEEDAH	UNIT# 1096 WILSON, MARIA

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LOCKER ROOM SELF-STORAGE, INC. 215-225-8585

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on January 17, 2018 at 9:45 AM at the facility located at: **Extra Space Storage, 2300 Washington Ave, Philadelphia PA 19146, 267-607-5171.** The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes and appliances.

Jackie King 5048 2 Couches; 5115 Amisha Gallmon Mattress, 2 Box Springs, 2 Air Conditioners, Stove, Refrigerator and 2 Dressers; 5181 Kayla Hansell Beds, Boxes, Bins Of Clothing.

Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on **January 17th, 2018** at **3:15PM**, at the Extra Space Storage facility located at: **1553 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115, (215) 464-3913.** The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes and appliances.

549 – Sean Schieber – (Tools), 412 – Michael Schaeffer – (Files, Seasonal, Toys), 639 – Miguel A Oyola-Rivera – (House Goods, Boxes, Bins), 633 – Quincy Stephens – (Household Items), 114 – David Spirles – (Houshold Items), 113 – Heather Lynn Alex Redner – (Furniture, Household Goods, Boxes, Bins)

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Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on **January 17, 2018** at **1:45 PM** at the facility located at: Extra Space Storage **116 Fountain St., Philadelphia, PA 19127 267-766-0064.** The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but not limited to general household furniture, boxes, clothes and appliances.

3069 Teresa Davis household goods; 5119 Shevon Fleming dresser, 22" tv, boxes of personal items; 2144 Jamyra Perry household items; 3035 Ramadan Bayyan small personal items; 3065 Alberta Burton household items in bins; 5088 Juan Levy unkown; 3059 Alberta Burton unkown; 1058 Juan Levy office goods; 4010 Angelica Ganier boxes & household items; 3256 Zachary Furlong tv, bed, couch, dresser, clothes; 3005 Sarah Coyle bins, boxes, bags; 3090 Peter Howson desk, chest, old stereo, chairs, odds/ends.

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do, and the morality and consequences behind that decision, are just some of the subjects mined in this Arden production. **Jan. 11, 7 p.m.**
Arden Theatre
40 N. Second St.
ardentheatre.org, $15

FILM

13 Chambers

PhilaMOCA screens the "13 Chambers" film, an all-female, site-specific horror anthology that takes place in a self-described "dilapidated, early 20th-century building slated for demolition" in Seattle. The story is structured with 13 unique segments. The film features an original score by Sonja Myklebust. **Jan. 14, 4:30 p.m.; 7 p.m. PhilaMOCA**
531 N. 12th St.
philamoca.org, $10

MUSEUMS

Sensory-Friendly Sunday

As an effort to make the museum's exhibits more accessible, The Franklin Institute adjusts its offerings for people on the autism spectrum and others with differing abilities. Content of the exhibits remains the same. Pre-registration is required. Free with registration. **Jan. 14, 8 a.m.**
The Franklin Institute
271 N. 21st St. Fi.edu

BOOKS

Bibliococktails: Mary Shelley's Frankenstein

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's classic novel "Frankenstein," Quaker City Mercantile bands together with The Rosenbach and Free Library to bring a special cocktail, "The Modern Prometheus," to an engaging and in-depth discussion of the book. Other light refreshments will also be served. This is part of an ongoing Second Saturday event series, "Bibliococktails." **Jan. 12, 6 p.m.**
The Rosenbach
2008-2010 Delancey Place
rosenbach.org, $30

TALKS

Sam Harris and the Waking Up Podcast

A neuroscientist, theologian and philosopher who's not afraid to offer up a controversial opinion, Harris brings together Janna Levin and Maria Popova for a live taping of the "Waking Up" podcast. Surprise guests are promised. **Jan. 14, 8 p.m.**
Merriam Theater
250 S. Broad St.
kimmelcenter.org, $35

ART

Twenty-Two Gallery Annual Winter Group Show

Twenty-six local artists show their work at this opening reception for the exhibit, which displays through Feb. 4. Media include paintings, photography, sculpture and mixed media from artists like Phyllis Anderson, Antoinette Kies, Katherine Sandecki and Niko Brownlee. **Jan. 12, 6 p.m.**
Twenty-Two Gallery
236 S. 22nd St.
22gallery.com, Free

LGBT

GayBINGO

AIDS Fund hosts its monthly bingo in support of HIV/AIDS services, featuring drag performances and roaming queens to liven the mood. Prizes are up for grabs as part of the competition, of course. **Jan. 13, 7 p.m.**
Gershman Y 401 S. Broad St.
aidsfundphilly.org, $25

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1A28 Jamil Reese home goods and catering items; **2A02 Tadreya Leatherbury** couches, beds, and clothes, washer and dryer, and refrigerator, dresser, tvs, aquarium; **2A127 Valerie Robinson** kitchen set, Dresser, household items; **2A207 Jabar Tyler** bags, boxes, mattress; **2A235 Lillie Hamms** clothes tvs, speakers; **2A240 Denise Gates** Household Goods; **2A91 Danielle Freeman** Household items; **2B54 Zarah Ivins** Household Goods, Toys & Clothes; **2C24 William Riley** Bags; **2C29 Tyrone Brown** household items; **2D196 Clarice Geiger** clothes storage bins carpet cleaner kitchen appliances; **2E28 Tiana Mcleod** House hold Goods; **2E37 Byron Groce** Dining room/6 chairs, living room (love seat, couch, fireplace, TV stand), 2 beds, dresser; **2E42 Sheila Robinson** household goods; **3A11 Donna Blackson** household items; **3A110 Charece Peterson** bags of clothes; **3A178B Donna Giddings** bedroom, living room and dining room; **3A21D Marquita Conyers** clothes and TV; **3A252 George Hammond** clothes, furniture, appliances; **3A27 Joseph McNair III** living room & dining rm set; **3A278 Theresa Miller** Household goods; **3E33 Zereda Burrell** small stove, table; **3E54 Deedra Joyce Davis** Household Goods; **3E76 Albert Jones** bed, dresser, couch; **3L46 Adgarine Albury** Totes, and bags; **4A196 Christina Danielle German** household items, clothing, paperwork; **4A84 Amanda Dryden** Household Goods; **4E09 Douglass Thorpe** Personal Items; **4E16 Wanda Phillips** Household items, containers, etc; **4E161 Patricia Cameron** boxes, couch, clothes; **4L03 Carletta Primus** shoes; **4L05 Luz Flores** bins and bags; **4L18 Christa Mitchell** Clothes and shoes.

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safeguard self storage

 # 1117 Chelsea Middleton, # 1120 Perisha Boykin, # 1214 Bernard Godwin, # 1221 Pamela Brown, # 1240 Rashinda Fripps, # 2105 Sierra Champion, # 2107 Meredith King, # 2116 Danielle Smith, # 2205 Pamela Ferguson, # 2228 Lynette Clay, # 2321 Terena Bertha, # 2329 Aaron Owens, # 2337 Devin Hudgins, # 2401 Carlton Robinson, # 2717 Raphael Pullins, # 3102 Khyran King, # 3130 Jamal Savage, # 3136 Jenea Boone, # 3316 Nakeya Small, # 3611 Tahmir Moment-Pease, # 3616 Yvonne Strickland

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Somewhere between Key Largo and Montego there's a place called Kokomo … but Key West is where you actually want to go if you'd like to sample some surf and sand, as well as interesting activities, locals-mostly hot spots and romantic — and/or family — fun in the Florida sun.

What's the hype about?

Closer to Havana (Cuba) than Hollywood (Florida), Key West has been serving up unpretentious island appeal to foodies, families, writers and romantics for hundreds of years. As such it is both an idyllic beach break for those looking to decompress and an historical and cultural hot spot for those who prefer more of a "to do" list on vacation.

The southernmost bit of the Sunshine State is only 4 miles long and 1 mile wide, so it's easy to wrap your head around — and no doubt will feel like home after a few days. At just 90 miles from Havana you have the benefits of the Afro-Caribbean influences to both food and history, and the ease of leaving your expired passport in your underwear drawer for the journey.

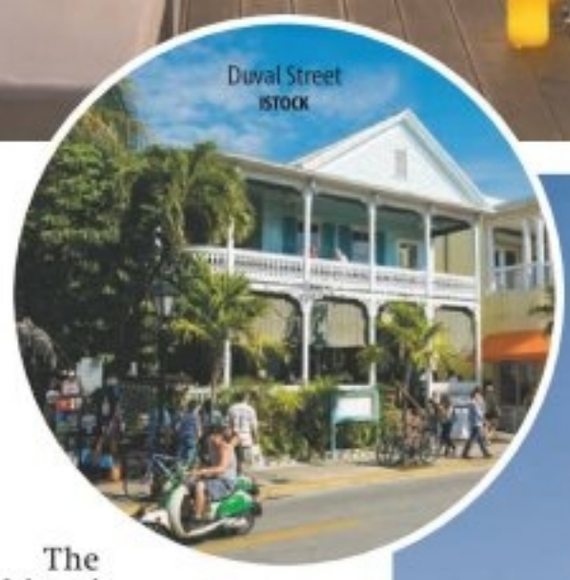
Top activities? The Gulf, golf, gastronomy and gratuitous indulgence. Let's look a bit closer at each:

With azure waters and sandy beaches, Key West attracts divers and snorkelers as well as anglers. Locals love to take a boat to an unpopulated sandbar for a private piece of playa, but public beaches (like Smathers — the largest on the island) abound if you prefer company.

Key West may be tiny, but has managed to squeeze 18 Caribbean-style holes onto not much space if you're looking to hit a few balls during your beach break.

The food and bar scene is built for anyone hungry for a vacay. Key West natives flock to El Siboney on Catherine Street for authentic Cuban cuisine (go for the grouper but save room for the plantains, beans and toast — not to mention the sangria!). And if you'd like to blend in while bar hopping, order a Papas Pilar Blonde Rum, neat, wherever you end up, and prepare to be asked by tourists how long you've lived in the Keys, and for your personal recommendations.

Oh, and let's not forget to mention Duval Street, which is the main drag and certain to play a big part in your vacay. Be it people watching, drink downing or gift shopping, Duval's the place to see and be sea-n.



Duval Street ISTOCK

Where am I staying?

You'll never be far from the action, regardless of where you unpack your flip flops on Key West, but why not quit the car keys and stay a short stroll from everything in a boutique hotel that takes pride of place right on the aforementioned Duval Street?

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How soon can I get there?

There are direct flights from Newark to Key West, but you can also fly from just about anywhere to Miami or Fort Lauderdale, from which it's a few hours of driving (3.5 from South Beach and 4 from Las Olas). So when you see a flash sale to any of these airports, grab a ticket at a bargain while you can, and you'll be on island time before the rest of us have managed to dig out from the snow.

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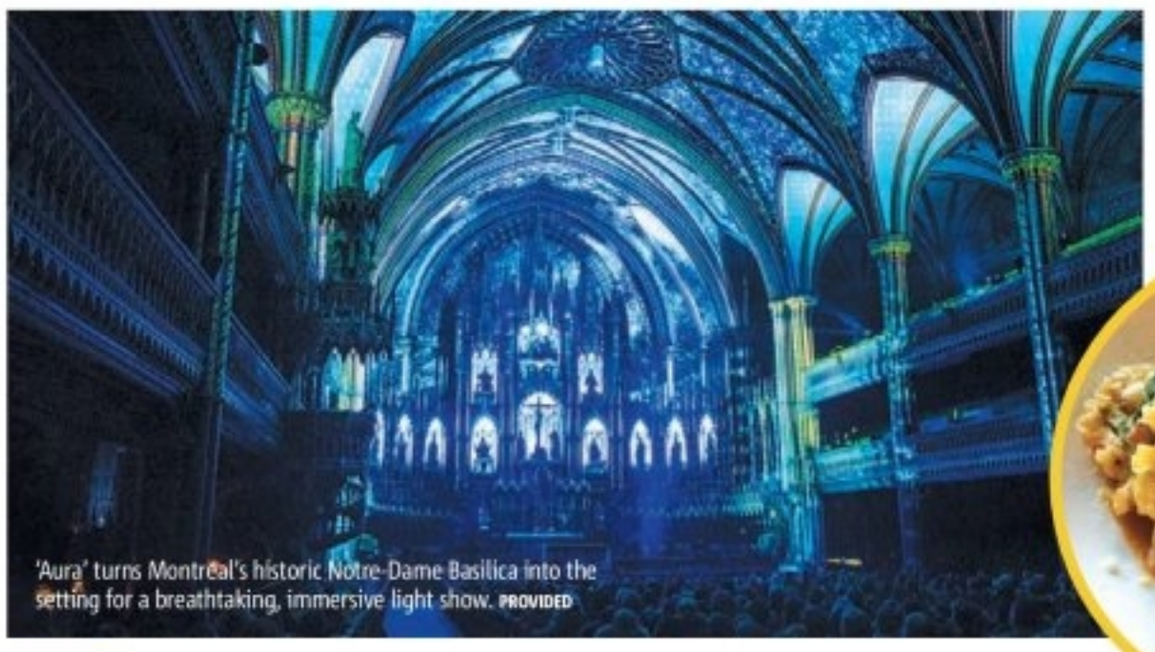

'Aura' turns Montreal's historic Notre-Dame Basilica into the setting for a breathtaking, immersive light show. PROVIDED

"Montreal is a city of contrast," my tour guide said, and it's true. The dichotomy between old (circa 1642) and new, French and English, and vibrant art mixed into the urban landscape is seen at every turn.

Because Montreal is a walkable and public transit-friendly city — and less than two hours from New York City and Philadelphia by plane — it makes for a perfect, easy-to-navigate weekend getaway. Here's what to do in this lovely and historic city.

DRINK

Sarah B

I started where I hung my proverbial hat, the InterContinental Hotel's Sarah B bar. This cozy absinthe den allows you to channel its namesake, French doyenne Sarah Bernhardt, with or without la fée verte (the green fairy) — though I highly encourage you to try it at least once. If not for the delicious taste of strong anise, do it for the highly Instagrammable ritual of imbibing it.

If traditional cocktails are more your bag, the InterContinental recently introduced its Wordly Classics cocktails. Created by renowned mixologist Angus Winchester, these new takes on old classics are inspired by the cultures of the hotel's global locations. I highly, highly recommend the Indonesian Nu Fashioned, with Woodford Reserve bourbon, dark creme de cacao and Angostura bitters.

The Coldroom

You had me at "underground speakeasy in Old Montreal," but first I had to find the nondescript door to buzz for entry into this former industrial cold room. Now a dark, intimate bar with affable service and extraordinary drinks, The Coldroom is worth the hunt. Try the Roger Rabbit. In fact, have a few as I did. You'll thank yourself — and moi.

Impasto is a casual eatery in the heart of Little Italy. NIKKI M MASCALI

EAT

Impasto

This casual eatery in the heart of Little Italy offers authentic Italian fare that'll transport you to the motherland. The pork ossobuco was a slightly spicy revelation, while the savory farinata pancake with kale, rapini and bacon appetizer was easily a table favorite.

DO

Mural tour

Though you should take one of Tourism Montreal's wonderful tours, especially with the delightful René Lemieux, you should also hit the streets with Spade & Palacio for a walking tour of the city's vibrant murals. Many are commissioned each June as part of Montreal's Mural Festival, in which local and global artists converge and create for 11 days.

"Aura"

The Notre-Dame Basilica is a sight to see in and of itself, and one of the most beautiful churches I've ever seen. Come nightfall, however, the multimedia installation "Aura" turns the 189-year-old church into a canvas for a breathtaking, immersive light show accompanied by orchestral music.

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For international Sixers, London trip acts as homecoming of sorts

The Sixers and Celtics tip off in London Thursday afternoon.

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From a marketing perspective, the 76ers' trip to London is all positive. Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons are immensely popular beyond Philadelphia, and the young duo's attractiveness in other countries is valuable.

The Sixers must treat their "home" game against the Boston Celtics as a business trip. A win Thursday will put the Sixers above .500 at 20-19 against a quality opponent like the Celtics.

Seeing all the social media posts is wonderful for the Sixers' brand, but none of that matters when the game tips off and they must find ways to contain Kyrie Irving.

A bit harsh? Maybe.

But the Sixers are finally trending upward and they need to continue moving in that direction. Four consecutive wins placed them at 19-19 and they're playing good basketball led by Embiid and Simmons.

"We're going to walk that line of making it a family thing, a very collective, enjoyable trip, with still the mindset that we're going to beat the Boston Celtics," Sixers coach Brett Brown told reporters.

Since the game will begin at 3 p.m. ET, all eyes will be on the Sixers and Celtics from O2 Arena. It's the Sixers' first-ever regular season game played internationally.

It's a big one, too.

"To be able to have an experience like this in the middle of an NBA season is special," Sixers guard JJ Redick told reporters. "And I certainly don't take it for granted. … This is a regular-season game. We're not going over there to try and put on a show and the Celtics aren't trying to put on a show and entertain a British crowd. We're going over there to try to be a great team."

Defeating the Celtics on any court would be a major step forward for the surging Sixers. They're far from a finished product, but the last four games have produced four wins. And even temporarily stopped the Twitter nitwits from asking for Brown to be fired.

Plain and simple, the Sixers are improving.

They still don't have Markelle Fultz. The bench is still razor thin. Embiid has missed nine games and is likely to sit out more, especially on back-to-backs. Simmons desperately needs a mid-range jumper. Yet the Sixers are getting better.

They will continue to go up and down. They'll drop five of six and then respond to win five of six. That's where they currently stand at .500 and those characteristics are part of being a mediocre team. The key is this: Improvement is evident.

They need to treat this game in London like any other game. Just execute and play together. Keep the turnovers down. Avoid Irving from scoring 40 points and controlling the flow.

The venue just happens to be in London. Marketing-wise, it's a win-win situation.

A win on the court would go a long way as well.

The Sixers will play Thursday afternoon in London, their first game since last Friday's win against the Pistons. GETTY IMAGES

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Phillies' Eshelman on cusp of realizing big league dream

Tom Eshelman's spectacular 2017 season has him set up to make an MLB impact in 2018.

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When Tom Eshelman was 12 years old, he had his first big league experience.

With his older brother Sam — studying broadcast journalism — set to do play-by-play for the Cape Cod League's Wareham Gatemen, the future second-round pick got an opportunity.

"I was in Cooperstown at the time in a 12-year-old tournament and I went over to say hi to [my brother] and the team needed bullpen catchers," Eshelman said. "I grabbed my stuff, got some gear and I caught. I was catching guys like Ike Davis, he was a first baseman in the big leagues, and he was throwing splits at 89 mph, but to me it felt like 105."

The experience set a spark in Eshelman, who last year starred as the Phillies' best minor league pitcher and started the Triple-A All-Star Game. In all, the 23-year-old went 13-3 with a 2.40 ERA combined between Reading and Lehigh Valley. It was an unexpected revelation of a season for the hurler who not a year earlier was fighting to break a five ERA in lower minor league ball.

Eshelman came to Philadelphia from Houston, the team that drafted him in the Phils' Ken Giles trade. He then essentially entered baseball bootcamp, as talented catchers Logan Moore and Jorge Alfaro helped bring him along until something clicked.

"I was fortunate enough for them to take me under their wing and learn stuff from them as far as what to do on the field and what not to do off the field," The southern California native said. "The coaching staff was unbelievable there too. I learned a lot last year and am excited for this year. One day Clint Robinson came up, he played in the big leagues in 2016. We set him up in a pretty good sequence and we got him and it was fun. You saw the results and Logan talked to me about it and I was able to take it into my own head and use it for the next game."

As Eshelman raked in the wins and mowed through batters, he bore witness to several Phillies prospects realizing their big league dreams as several call ups occurred last summer.

"I think the first one to go was Nick Williams, that was special," Eshelman recalled. "I know he was in Triple A for a while. The second one was J.P. [Crawford], I had a relationship with J. We have played with each other and against each other sine we were 12. To see him realize his dream was awesome. Rhys was the last one, he was my roommate. He came home and said he had to work camp the next day, we asked 'why are you working camp?' and he said, 'I'm just kidding I'm going to the big leagues.'

The floodgates could be open for some new blood in the Phillies big league rotation this year. TWITTER.COM

"I am trying to put my nose down work hard and show the coaching staff what I can do."

Tom Eshelman

"You can smell it, you just have to work hard, and every one of those guys did."

Though Baseball America doesn't project Eshelman as one of Philly's top 10 prospects, it does see him as a bottom of the rotation major league starter. A spot Eshelman can earn as soon as this spring, as the Phillies have some vacancies in the major league pitching staff.

Don't expect Eshelman to get the chance to face Davis in the big leagues. Davis, who spent most of his career as a first baseman, ironically is embarking on a journey to make the majors as a pitcher — just like Eshelman.

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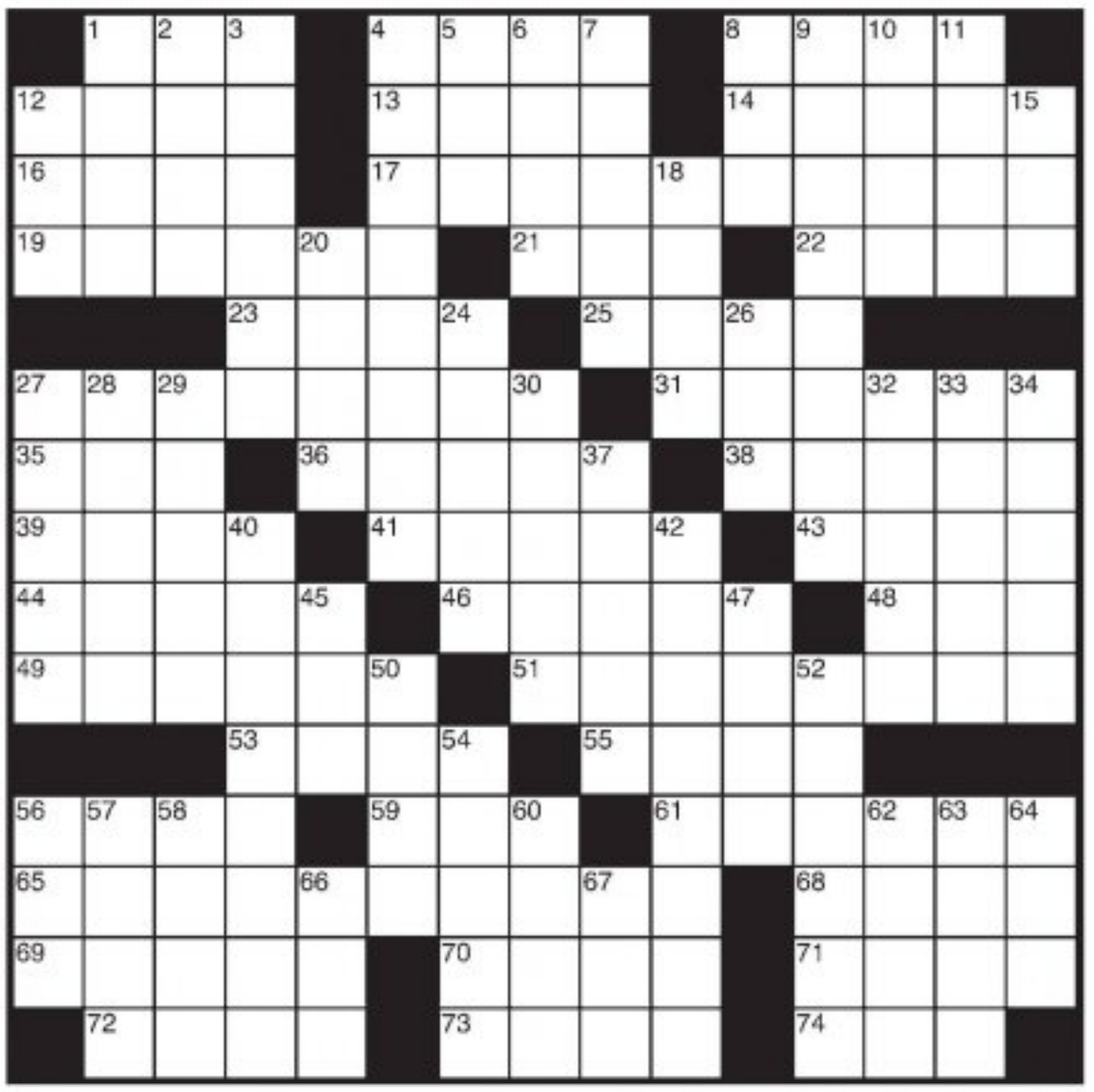

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Taurus Start discussions that will lead to positive changes to your lifestyle and the dynamics of relationships that are important to you. Self-improvement is featured.

Gemini You are best off focusing on getting along with your peers and undertaking joint ventures. Knowing what's going on will help you ward off unnecessary losses.

Cancer Personal changes are favored. Update your appearance or use your charm to encourage someone to spend more time with you. Love and romance will improve your life.

Leo Search for truth and be willing to make personal changes. Aim to lower your overhead and revamp your lifestyle or living arrangements to fit your budget.

Virgo Plan a vacation or to adjust how or where you live. Sprucing up your surroundings, making plans with loved ones and personal physical improvements are favored.

Libra An opportunity is apparent. Not all the changes that take place will be to your liking, making it vital that you think about your needs when making a decision.

Scorpio The planets are aligned, and the chance to make personal, financial and professional gains will unfold if you are quick to take advantage of an opportune situation.

Sagittarius Don't share information with someone using charming tactics to put you at ease. Be the one asking the questions instead of the one put in a vulnerable position.

Capricorn Updating your image or adopting a healthier lifestyle is a good idea. How you present who you are and what you can do will attract support, interest and new beginnings.

Aquarius Listen carefully when dealing with the powers-that-be. You need to fully understand the consequences before you make a decision that will affect your future.

Pisces You are in the driver's seat. Negotiate to bring about the changes that will help you reach your goal. Love will be more stable as you move forward. **EUGENIA LAST**

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